

OFFICIAL CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURNS

County Commissioners in Special Session
Declare Majority "For Selling" to be
Fifty-Four Votes--Copy of Anti-
Saloon League's Protest.

Ocala, Fla., January 25, 1908.
At a special meeting of the board of county commissioners, which met upon the call of the chairman for the purpose of canvassing the returns of the wet and dry election held in Marion county on the 21st day of January, A. D. 1908, there were present: Hon. John L. Edwards, chairman; S. R. Pyles, N. A. Fort, J. M. Mathews, C. W. Turner, commissioners.

Thereupon the chairman stated to the board the purpose of the meeting, and they thereupon proceeded to compile the results of said election, as shown by the inspectors' returns, with the result that the vote appear as follows:

	For	Against
	Selling	Selling
Precinct No. 1.....	306	287
Precinct No. 2.....	22	39
Precinct No. 3.....	32	27
Precinct No. 4.....	20	28
Precinct No. 5.....	14	8
Precinct No. 6.....	14	16
Precinct No. 7.....	56	13
Precinct No. 8.....	19	25
Precinct No. 9.....	10	12
Precinct No. 10.....	14	20
Precinct No. 11.....	21	37
Precinct No. 12.....	6	1
Precinct No. 13.....	8	27
Precinct No. 14.....	17	12
Precinct No. 15.....	6	2
Precinct No. 16.....	19	50
Precinct No. 17.....	45	52
Precinct No. 18.....	11	23
Precinct No. 19.....	11	24
Precinct No. 20.....	58	23
Precinct No. 21.....	74	32
Precinct No. 22.....	31	46
Precinct No. 23.....	3	20
Precinct No. 24.....	79	32
Precinct No. 25.....	10	9
Precinct No. 26.....	31	33
Precinct No. 27.....	18	8
Precinct No. 28.....	2	11
Precinct No. 29.....	41	27
Precinct No. 30.....	21	22
Precinct No. 31.....	26	33
Precinct No. 32.....	12	14

Total.....1067 1013
Total vote in Marion county, Florida, for selling, 1067 votes.
Total vote in Marion county, Florida, against selling, 1013 votes.
Majority for selling, 54 votes.

Thereupon H. L. Anderson and L. N. Green, attorneys, made the following motion on behalf of the Anti-Saloon League, for whom they appeared:

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Fla.:
The undersigned attorneys representing the Anti-Saloon League of Marion county, hereby respectfully protest against counting the returns made by the election officers for precinct No. 21, known as Bellevue; also precinct No. 20, known as Blitchton; precinct No. 24, known as Dunnellon; and each of the above precincts of the special election held in said precincts on the 21st day of January, 1908, upon the grounds that the returns of said election show from an inspection of the poll list, and the report of the officers of election in each of the said precincts show upon the face thereof that the officers of said election in each of said precincts acted in disregard of law, and of their duty as officers of election, and permitted a number of votes to be cast at said election in each of said precincts in excess of the number of legal voters in each of said precincts, and in excess of the names shown by the registration for each precinct, and suggest to the Honorable Board that it is the duty of the board to reject and refuse to count the votes of each of said precincts.

L. N. GREEN,
H. L. ANDERSON,
As Attorneys for the Anti-Saloon League of Marion County, Florida.

Mr. Hoeker, county attorney, then advised the board that it was his opinion that the board had no right to go behind the returns regularly made, and it appearing to the board that the returns were regular upon their face, the board made the following certificate:

We, the undersigned board of county commissioners of Marion county, Florida, sitting as a board of canvassers, pursuant to the provisions of section 1213 of the General Statutes of Florida, for the purpose of canvassing the returns of the local option election held in Marion county, Florida, on the 21st day of January, 1908, pursuant to the provisions of Article 19

of the Constitution of the State of Florida, hereby certify that on the 25th day of January, A. D. 1908, we duly canvassed the returns made by the inspectors of said election for the several precincts in Marion county, Florida, with the result that the votes at said election at the several precincts in Marion county, Florida, were found to be as follows:

Precinct No. 1, Ocala--For selling, 306 votes; against selling, 287 votes.
Precinct No. 2, Reddick--For selling, 22 votes; against selling, 39 votes.
Precinct No. 3, Flemington--For selling, 32 votes; against selling, 27 votes.
Precinct No. 4, Cotton Plant--For selling, 20 votes; against selling, 28 votes.
Precinct No. 5, Romeo--For selling, 14 votes; against selling, 39 votes.
Precinct No. 6--Camp Izard--For selling, 14 votes; against selling, 16 votes.
Precinct No. 7, Shady--For selling, 56 votes; against selling, 13 votes.
Precinct No. 8, Summerfield--For selling, 19 votes; against selling, 25 votes.
Precinct No. 9, Lake Weir--For selling, 10 votes; against selling, 12 votes.
Precinct No. 10, Moss Bluff--For selling, 14 votes; against selling, 20 votes.
Precinct No. 11, Grahamville--For selling, 21 votes; against selling, 37 votes.
Precinct No. 12, Salt Springs--For selling, 6 votes; against selling, 1 vote.
Precinct No. 13, Fort McCoy--For selling, 8 votes; against selling, 27 votes.
Precinct No. 14, Orange Springs--For selling, 17 votes; against selling, 12 votes.
Precinct No. 15, Linadale--For selling, 6 votes; against selling, 2 votes.
Precinct No. 16, Citra--For selling, 19 votes; against selling, 50 votes.
Precinct No. 17, Anthony--For selling, 45 votes; against selling, 52 votes.
Precinct No. 18, Martin--For selling, 11 votes; against selling, 23 votes.
Precinct No. 19, Stanton--For selling, 11 votes; against selling, 24 votes.
Precinct No. 20, Blitchton--For selling, 58 votes; against selling, 23 votes.
Precinct No. 21, Bellevue--For selling, 74 votes; against selling, 32 votes.
Precinct No. 22, McIntosh--For selling, 31 votes; against selling, 46 votes.
Precinct No. 23, Pedro--For selling, 3 votes; against selling, 20 votes.
Precinct No. 24, Dunnellon--For selling, 79 votes; against selling, 32 votes.
Precinct No. 25, Candler--For selling, 10 votes; against selling, 9 votes.
Precinct No. 26, Sparr--For selling, 41 votes; against selling, 33 votes.
Precinct No. 27, Eureka--For selling, 18 votes; against selling, 8 votes.
Precinct No. 28, Levon--For selling, 2 votes; against selling, 11 votes.
Precinct No. 29, Kendrick--For selling, 41 votes; against selling, 27 votes.
Precinct No. 30, Martel--For selling, 21 votes; against selling, 22 votes.
Precinct No. 31, Fairfield--For selling, 26 votes; against selling, 33 votes.
Precinct No. 32, Geiger--For selling, 12 votes; against selling, 14 votes.

We further certify that at said election there were cast in said county for selling the total number of 1067 votes, and against selling, the total number of 1013 votes, and that from said returns it appears that there were cast a majority of 54 votes for selling.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our official seal, this 25th day of January, A. D. 1908.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, Marion County, Florida, by
J. N. L. EDWARDS, Chm.
(Seal) J. M. MATHEWS,
S. R. PYLES,
N. A. FORT,
C. W. TURNER.
Attest: S. T. SISTRUNK, Clerk.

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PROPHECIES THAT WERE NOT FULFILLED.

Mr. Allan Rodgers Writes of the Wet and Dry Election in Marion County

And behold there was a great land to the southward called Marion. And there dwelt in the land of the Marionites two tribes, the name of the one was wet and the name of the other was dry.

And there also dwelt in the land of Marion a tribe of Ethiopians, and all of the people waxed great in the land.

And it came to pass that strife arose between the tribe of wet and the tribe of dry, and the scribe, the Pharisee and the hypocrite created wrath between them.

In those days came John of Escambia, preaching in the piney woods of Florida.

And saying, repent ye, for the kingdom of Dryland is at hand

For this is he that was spoken of in the legislature, saying, the fifteenth amendment is a hoodoo, prepare ye, therefore, the way, make my path to the senate straight.

And the same John journeyed southward, and there went out multitudes to see him and hear him talk.

And it came to pass that a wise man meeteth John and sayeth unto him, Lo, there is a land called Marion that floweth in political milk and prohibition honey.

Now, when John of Escambia heard these things he made haste, and drawing nigh unto a place called Ocala, he pitched his tent over by the dries and abode with them for a season.

Then went out to him Ocala and all Kendrick and Martel and all the region round about Silver Springs, and John stretched forth the hand unto the multitude saying:

My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among my own people at Monticello, know all the crackers.

Which knew me from the beginning if they would testify that after the most strictest of the sect I was as wet as they make them.

And now I stand and am juggled by the wets for the hope of getting dry votes, for which hope's sake I am accused of the wets.

Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you that a man should turn from wet to dry?

I verily thought with myself that I ought to do many things contrary to booze, which things I also did in Pensacola, and when I found it could not all be drank I gave my voice against it.

And it came to pass that I fought it and persecuted it even unto strange cities.

Whereupon, as I journeyed from Pensacola to Tallahassee at midday I saw a light in the way above the brightness of the sun, and I heard a voice from Georgia speaking unto me in a familiar tongue, John, John, why persecutest thou me.

And I said, who art thou, and the voice said, I am booze, whom thou fightest, and straightway great scales, as it were, fell from my eyes.

And it came that this proposition stood forth before me. We have tried and findeth it impossible that we drinketh the state dry, peradventure it were probable we voteth it dry.

And the voice of John soundeth like the rushing of the hot winds of the desert, and his wisdom shineth like the freshly painted spokes in a water wagon, and the evening and the morning was the sixth day. And John prophesieth a great drouth in the land of Marion.

In those days there lived a mighty man in a great city called Jax, and his name was also John.

And it came to pass that the Marionites sent messenger unto John of Jax, saying, come we pray thee and throw thy weight against our enemies lest they smite us with the edge of the sword. And John went.

And it came to pass that the hand of John of Jax, clave to the prohibition sword and from Dan even unto Bersheba he smote the Philistines hip and thigh and when even had come John issued proclamation that the trick was turned, and that naught would abide wherewith to cool the parched tongue.

And when John of Escambia and John of Jax, had departed out of the land of Marion the dries sent unto Sambo, the Ethiopian, saying, come up and make cause with us against our enemies.

And it came to pass that Sambo, the Ethiopian, went unto the tent of the dries and sayeth unto the people: We's gwine to be wid you dat it may be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet saying, Ethiopia shall rule.

And again it came to pass in the first month of the year, in the third week of the month, and in the full moon that the tribe of wets and the tribe of dries strove together throughout the land of Marion, and from the rising of the sun until the setting of the same the battle of the ballots raged.

But Sambo, the Ethiopian, fought with the wets, and a mighty voice rose from the dry side above the din of battle, saying: Sambo, oh Sambo, why hast thou forsaken us.

Then it was that it came to pass

that the prophet Frank, surnamed Harris, concedeth the battle to the wets. He furlth the Banner over the land of Marion, the voice of the turtle was again heard in the land, and it was so.

And behold, it cometh to pass that the prohibition prophets of Baal sometimes maketh mistakes. "Se-lah,"--Allan Rodgers, in Florida Times-Union.

Mr. Rodgers' information concerning the wet and dry election reached him second-hand and in the telling became somewhat confused and discolored.

The work of qualifying the negro and making him a factor in determining the election, was altogether the work of those who worked for the triumph of the wet side and fought for the retention of the saloon.

So far as our information extends those who favored the closing of the saloons, did not qualify a single negro for voting, and if their wishes had been respected, the "brother in black" would have been entirely eliminated from the campaign.

They were preached to in the tent; they were advised to live sober and industrious lives. The sermons were good, wholesome ones, such as were preached to them by our forefathers, when the tension between the races was not so taut, and we believe that if these sermons had been preached earlier the result might have been different.

If the negro in this county is molly coddled into the idea of entering into the political arena again, the "wets" alone will be responsible for it.

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"Mother got flustered an' hurried up 'er work to go over to look after the little feller, but I didn't have nothin' to wait fur, so I cut an' run the hull two miles to see my new cousin."

"You bet I was tickled to death. Babies wasn't as common as blackberries in the woods o' Kaintucky. Mother came over an' washed him an' put a yaller flannel petticoat on him, an' cooked some dried berries with wild honey for Nancy, an' slicked things up an' went home. An' that's all the nuss'n either of 'em got. Lordy! women nowadays don't know what their grandmothers went through an' lived--some of 'em. A good many of 'em died arly. Abe's said many a time that Nancy'd lived if she'd had any kind o' keer; an' I reckon she must have been strong to a' stood what she did."

"I rolled up in a b'ar skin an' slep' by the fireplace that night, so's I could see the little feller when he cried and Tom had to git up an' tend to him. Nancy let me hold him purty soon. Folks often ask me if Abe was a good looking baby. Well, now, he looked just like any other baby, at first--like red cherry pulp squeezed dry. An' he didn't improve none as he grewed older. Abe never was much for looks. I recollect how Tom joked about Abe's long legs when he was toddlin' 'round the cabin. He growed out o' his clothes faster'n Nancy could make 'em."

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